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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - June 30, 2006

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that Thomas Jackson Rogers was arraigned today in federal court in San Diego by United States Magistrate Judge Leo S. Papas on an indictment charging him with armed bank robbery and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Rogers entered a plea of not guilty to the charges.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Manion, who is prosecuting the case, Rogers is charged with robbing the 1st Pacific Bank, 8889 Rio San Diego Drive, San Diego, California. The indictment alleges that on April 28, 2006, Rogers entered the bank and presented a demand note to one of the bank's tellers. Rogers then drew a silver handgun and pointed it at the teller. In response to Rogers' demand, the teller handed over \$1,737.00 in cash from a cash drawer. Rogers fled the bank, and he was arrested by the San Diego Police Department one week later. FBI agents recovered a silver semi-automatic handgun during a search of a storage locker that was rented by Rogers.

Rogers is scheduled to appear in court on July 6, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. before Judge Papas for a detention hearing, and before the Honorable Barry Ted Moskowitz, United States District Court Judge, on July 28, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. for a motion hearing.

U.S. Attorney Lam praised the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the San Diego Police Department for their investigation of the robbery and the timely apprehension of the defendant.

DEFENDANT

Thomas Jackson Rogers

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2113(a) and (d) (Armed Bank Robbery)

Maximum Penalty: Twenty-five years' incarceration
\$250,000 fine
Five years of supervised release

Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2) (Felon in Possession of a Firearm)

Maximum Penalty: Ten years' incarceration
\$250,000 fine
Three years of supervised release

INVESTIGATING AGENCIES

Federal Bureau of Investigation
San Diego Police Department

An indictment is not evidence that the defendant committed the crimes charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the Government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.